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- ☒ Specification, including the Abstract
- ☒ 2 Sheets of drawings (1 set)
- ☒ Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney
- ☒ Executed Assignment and Recordation Cover Sheet
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| RATE       | FEE    |
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|            | \$ 385 |
| x \$ 9 =   | \$     |
| x \$ 43 =  | \$     |
| x \$ 145 = | \$     |
| TOTAL      | \$     |

Other than a Small Entity

| RATE       | FEE    |
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|            | \$ 770 |
| x \$ 18 =  | \$     |
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| x \$ 290 = | \$     |
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